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THE General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met here on Thursday the 2d Instant, and proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator, which fell upon Mr. William Wishart Principal of the College of Edinburgh, who has born that Office in several former General Assemblies. His Majesty's Commission constituting the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun His Majesty's High Commissioner, was read; as was also His Majesty's most gracious Letter to the General Assembly

His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly; to which the Moderator in their Name returned a very respectful Answer.

His Majesty's High Commissioner's Speech to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,

THE Death of so great and so good a King as we have lost since your last Meeting, must have affected you in a very sensible Manner, who during the whole Course of his Reign have received so many Marks of his Royal Protection and Favour.

This great Loss has been well repaired by His Majesty's peaceable Accession to the Throne of His Royal Ancestors, who while Prince of Wales, gave us Reason to hope for all the Blessings which can be expected under the best of Governments; and whose Reign has made good and confirmed our Hopes.

I have received His Majesty's Commands to assure you, that he is very sensible of the steady Adherence of this Church to the Succession of His Family, and to the Protestant Interest in general; and that he has the most intire Confidence in your Loyalty and Affection for His Person and Government.

I am authorized by His Majesty to take this first Opportunity to tell you, that it is His Majesty's fix'd and determin'd Resolution inviolably to maintain and support Presbyterian Government in the Church of Scotland, in the full Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges.

It is so much your Duty, and has been so much your Practice, to promote true Religion and Piety, to use sincere Endeavours to suppress Profaneness and Immorality, and to prevent the Growth of Popery, that His Majesty's assuring you of His chearful and ready Concurrence for promoting these great and good Ends must be very agreeable to you, and animate you to exert yourselves still more and more in these Duties.

That you may be the better enabled to prevent the Growth of Popery and Ignorance in the Highlands and Islands, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant Warrant for One Thousand Pounds for the Entertainment of Itinerant Preachers and Catechists in these Countries, to be managed and accounted for in the Manner as directed by the former, and by this Warrant which is in my Hands.

I know that you will receive this Mark of His Majesty's Favour with all imaginable Gratitude, and that you will take Care that the pious Purposes for which it is granted, may be still farther promoted, and the People there taught their Duty to God and the King.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,

His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon me the Honour of representing His Royal Person in this Assembly; your Conduct in former Assemblies and particularly in those where I had the Honour to represent His late Majesty, encouraged me to undertake this important Trust, which I shall endeavour to execute with great Fidelity to His Majesty, and with a sincere Regard to the Interest of the Church of Scotland.

I doubt not you are come together with the best Dispositions for the Good of both Church and State. I hope your Deliberations will be managed with the Prudence and Moderation, and your Decisions accompanied with the Unanimity, Equity and Justice usual in your Assemblies; so that this may be brought to as happy a Conclusion as any former Assembly of this Church.

Then a Committee being appointed, drew up a most loyal and dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter; which Answer was unanimously agreed to this Day.

The Assembly also, by unanimous Consent, took this first Opportunity of their meeting since His Majesty's Succession to the Throne, to make an humble and loyal Address to His Majesty upon that happy Occasion.

St. James's, May 8.

The Answer of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, and their Address to His Majesty upon His Succession to the Throne, were this Day presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State; which His Majesty was pleased to receive most graciously.

The Answer of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to His Majesty's most Gracious Letter.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Honour done by your Majesty's most gracious Letter to this first General Assembly of the Church of Scotland which had the Happiness to meet since the Beginning of your Majesty's most auspicious Reign, we received with the greatest Joy, and do acknowledge with the utmost Gratitude.

The Mention your Majesty is pleased to make of the firm and steady Adherence of our former General Assemblies to the Succession in your Royal Family, and to the Protestant Interest in general; of their Zeal for the Advancement of Piety and Virtue; and of the Prudence, Wisdom and Moderation which influenced their Councils and Debates; shews us your Majesty's kind Inclination to approve, in the most favourable manner, what hath been done by others before us according to their Duty, and is a great Encouragement to us to follow the good Example of these, with whom your Majesty hath the Goodness to express your self so well pleased: And the countenancing our present Meeting with your Majesty's Royal Authority, we take as a great Blessing from God, and a most engaging Evidence of your Majesty's Royal Goodness.

Your Majesty's being pleas'd to acquaint us in so kind and gracious a Manner, that it is with the greatest Pleasure you take this first Opportunity of assuring us of your fix'd and determin'd Purpose and Resolution to maintain and support the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in the full Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges, as by Law established, is an endearing Testimony of your Royal

Royal Favour to us, which we humbly accept with the greateſt Thankfulneſs, and rely upon with the firmeſt Confidence, as eſteeming your Majeſty's Royal Protection to be, under God, our great Security.

Your Majeſty does us the greateſt Honour, when you are pleaſed to expreſs the moſt intire Confidence in our Loyalty and good Affection for your Perſon and Government; and it ſhall be our Care, through Divine Aſſiſtance, ſo to acquit ourſelves upon every Occaſion, as your Majeſty may never have Reaſon either to alter or to leſſen it. Theſe Sentiments are deeply rooted in our Hearts, and we ſhall moſt chearfully embrace every proper Opportunity of ſhewing them.

To promote the Happineſs of your Majeſty's Reign, the true Intereſt of this Church whereof we are Members, and the Good of our Country, are great and deſirable Ends, which we are always bound to have in View; and we think them ſo cloſely connected together, that not any one of them can be advanced without the reſt; and we ſhould be moſt unworthy of your Majeſty's Favour, and of the Character we bear, if we had not the beſt Diſpoſition to contribute all in our Power unto them; ſeeing the Aſſurance your Majeſty gives us of your hearty Concurrence in whatever may tend to theſe great Purpoſes, is at once the greateſt Encouragement and Obligation for us to exert ourſelves in the moſt vigorous manner for accompliſhing them. With Pleaſure alſo we acknowledge your Majeſty's Royal Wiſdom, when you obſerve, that the preventing the Growth of Popery, and the ſuppreſſing of Vice and Irreligion, will in a particular Manner contribute to the Happineſs of your Majeſty's Reign, and the Good of our Country, as well as to the promoting the true Intereſt of this Church.

In this we are greatly animated by your Majeſty's recommending them to us, and alſo by your Royal Proclamation emitted ſo early in the Beginning of your Reign, and in a ſpecial manner by your bountiful and princely Donation to this General Aſſembly, and the Intimation given us, by your Majeſty's Royal Warrant directed to the Barons of your Exchequer in Scotland, of your Royal and gracious Inclination to contribute yearly ſo conſiderable a Fund for promoting the Knowledge and Practice of Religion in the Highlands and Iſlands of our Country: For this we beg Leave to return your Majeſty our moſt humble and grateful Acknowledgements, and ſhall earneſtly pray that God may abundantly reward you for ſo great a Charity to Souls. And we hope the due and faithful Application of it, to the pious Purpoſes for which it is granted by your Majeſty, ſhall appear by the Accounts which ſhall be annually exhibited according to the Direction contained in your Majeſty's Warrant, and the moſt effectual Care, that we can, ſhall be taken, that the Perſons to be employed upon that Fund ſhall be duly qualified for ſerving the Purpoſes for which your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to beſtow it. And it is with great Pleaſure we obſerve, that the ſame Endeavours which we uſe for preventing the Growth of Popery, and the ſuppreſſing of Vice and Irreligion, and for advancing the Knowledge and Service of God among the People under our Charge, do alſo contribute to make them ſenſible of the perfect Tranquility and other great Bleſſings which they now enjoy under your Majeſty's happy Government and wiſe Adminiſtration, and to infuſe into them theſe Principles of Duty and Loyalty, on which the Security of our happy Conſtitution and their own Welfare entirely depend; for next to the perſwading Men to become faithful Subjects to our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, our chief Care ſhall be to make them loyal and dutiful Subjects to your Majeſty.

The Earl of Loudoun hath given ſuch eminent Proofs of his Loyalty, Integrity and Zeal for your Majeſty's Service, and upon many former Occaſions, of his Abilities for the Diſcharge of this important Truſt, and of his moſt affectionate Concern for the Proſperity and Happineſs of this Church, as render your Majeſty's Choice of him to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly moſt acceptable and obliging to us, and we humbly acknowledge it as a particular Evidence of your Majeſty's Goodneſs.

We are ſenſible how much Diſputes and Contentions among ourſelves would give Advantage to thoſe who are Enemies to the Peace and Proſperity of your Majeſty's Government, upon which our own Welfare, under God, does depend; and we humbly acknowledge your Majeſty's Fatherly Tenderneſs for us, in being pleaſed to caution us againſt them. We pray and hope that the good Spirit of God, who is the Spirit of Love and Peace, will aſſiſt us to diſpatch all our Buſineſs with that Unanimity, Brotherly Love and Charity, which becpme the Servants of the Prince of Peace, and which is ſo neceſſary to the bringing of our meeting at this Time to a happy Concluſion.

That the moſt High God, by whom Kings reign, may graciouſly preſerve your Majeſty's Perſon, direct all your Counſels, and bleſs your Government; That your Majeſty may long reign a happy Prince over a loving and obedient People; That He may pour down his beſt Bleſſings upon your Royal Conſort the Queen, upon his Royal Highneſs the Prince, and all your Royal Progeny; That there may never be wanting a Proteſtant Prince of your Royal Family to ſway the Scepter over us; and, That your Majeſty may late, very late, exchange the Crown which you now wear, for a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away, are and ſhall be the earneſt Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Preſence, in our Name and at our Appointment, by *Will. Wiſhart*, Mod.

Edinburgh, May 4, 1728.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

THE great Concern which we, according to our Duty, have in all Events which happen to your Royal Family, obliges us to take hold of every proper Opportunity to expreſs it; and the Death of our late gracious Sovereign your Majeſty's Royal Father, of glorious Memory, with your Majeſty's moſt peaceable and happy Acceſſion to the Crown, having in Providence fallen out ſince the laſt Meeting of a General Aſſembly of this Church, we humbly preſume to take hold of this firſt Occaſion to give vent to theſe different Paſſions, which, even at this diſtance of Time, continue to work in our Minds upon Occaſion of theſe important Occurrences.

It is with great Satisfaction that we underſtand, that the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly did, according to their Duty, in the moſt reſpectful Manner they could, by ſome of their Number, preſent a humble Addreſs to your Majeſty upon an Occaſion of ſo great Concern to us and all your Majeſty's good Subjects; which your Majeſty was pleaſed to accept very graciouſly, and which Addreſs we have, in this our Meeting, unanimouſly approved: Yet we cannot forbear to take hold of this firſt Opportunity of expreſſing, in the moſt publick and ſolemn Manner, which our Conſtitution admits of, our own Sentiments upon this Subject, wherein, we are well aſſured, we have the hearty Concurrence of all the Members of this Church, whom we have the Honour in this our Meeting to repreſent.

The Death of our late gracious Sovereign, your Majeſty's Royal Father, of glorious Memory, whom

whom God made the Inſtrument of ſo great Bleſſings to us, and to all Europe, was ſo ſenſible and heavy a Stroke to us, that we ſhould have been unconſolable under it, if ſo great a Loſs had not been made up to us, by your Majeſty's moſt peaceable and happy Acceſſion to the Throne.

Permit us then, Great Sir, to congratulate your Majeſty upon your aſcending the Throne of your Royal Anceſtors, with the joyful Acclamations of all your dutiful Subjects.

We can never ceaſe to bleſs our gracious God, when we think of his ſetting a King over us, whoſe Royal Qualities do ſo brightly adorn the Throne upon which he ſits, who even from the Beginning of his Reign, hath given ſo evident Proofs of his being the Guardian of the Peace and Liberty of Europe, and of all the juſt Rights and Privileges of his Subjects; who at entring upon the Adminiſtration of his Government, did with the greateſt Chearfulneſs give us the moſt firm and ſolemn Aſſurances of his inviolable Reſolution to maintain and proteſt our Church, in the Enjoyment of all her Rights eſtabliſhed by Law, and hath fully made good, to our great Joy, this his gracious Purpoſe, in the following Steps of his Reign.

It is with the greateſt Joy that we obſerve theſe Bleſſings multiplyed upon your Majeſty, which we hope ſhall continue to diſtinguiſh your Reign, and render it more and more illuſtrious: That you are bleſt with a Royal Conſort, who for her many excellent Qualities, and particularly her diſtinguiſh'd Zeal and Conſtancy in adhering to the Proteſtant Religion, ought to be dear to all the Proteſtant Churches while ſhe lives, and have her Memory highly honoured by them to the lateſt Poſterity. And it greatly adds to our Joy for the preſent, and fills our Hearts with the moſt encouraging Hopes for the Time to come, that we behold your Majeſty's Throne encompaſſed with ſo numerous and hopeful a Progeny, born, as we truſt, for great Bleſſings to the World, and for ſecuring the Succeſſion to the Crown in the Proteſtant Line of your Majeſty's Royal Houſe for many Generations.

That God may bleſs your Majeſty with a long Life and a Proſperous Reign; that He may ever defeat all the open and ſecret Attempts of your Enemies; that He may eſtabliſh your Throne by Righteouſneſs, and make you more and more a Bleſſing to your own Subjects, and to all the Proteſtant Churches; that He may eminently bleſs your Royal Conſort our gracious Queen, his Royal Highneſs the Prince, and the whole Royal Family, with all temporal and eternal Bleſſings, and when your Majeſty hath been long honoured of God to ſerve him and promote the Good of Mankind upon Earth, you may be rewarded with eternal Happineſs in Heaven, is and ſhall be the earneſt Prayer of,

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Admiralty Office, May 7, 1728.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty are hereby pleaſed to direct, that all ſuch Seamen as are minuted in the Books of this Office, to be received into the Royal Hoſpital at Greenwich, do attend their Lordſhips at this Office on Tueſday the 4th Day of June next, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, in order to their being then viewed by their Lordſhips.

By Command of their Lordſhips,

J. Burchett.

Navy Office, May 3, 1728.

Theſe are to give Notice, that on the Days undermentioned, in the Mornings, this Board will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as ſhall be willing to ſupply His Majeſty's Yards there expreſs'd with Ironmongers Wares upon ſtanding Contracts, that they may attend with their Propoſals at theſe Times.

Friday the 17th Inſtant for Plymouth,
Wedneſday the 22d for Chatham and Sheerneſs.
Friday the 24th for Woolwich,
Wedneſday the 29th for Deptford.

Equivalent Office, Cornhill, London, May 10, 1728.

The Royal Bank of Scotland do hereby give Notice to all Perſons who may have Occaſion to return Money from London to Scotland, that if they will pay their Money into the Bank of England, and take a Receipt from their Caſhire for it as paid in on Account of the Royal Bank of Scotland, the ſaid Royal Bank of Scotland will pay the like Sum at Edinburgh on Demand to ſuch Perſon or his Order as the Perſon paying in the Money at London ſhall direct by Indorſement on the Back of the ſaid Receipt, addreſs'd to Mr. Allan Whiteſoord their Caſhire.

The Committee for Letting the Cities Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London, give Notice, that they intend to Lett by Leaſe a Wharf or Wharfs known by the Names of Queenhith and Roomeland, with the Market-Houſe, Storehouſes, Granaries and other Buildings appertaining to the ſaid Wharfs, and the Duties and Wharfage of Goods, Merchandizes and Grain brought there, and payable to the City, with the Duties for harbouring or mooring Veſſels. And that the ſaid Committee will ſit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wedneſday the 15th of May next, at Four in the Afternoon, to receive Propoſals for the ſaid Premiſſes; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforeſaid.

Truſtees-Office, Broad-ſtreet, April 18, 1728.

The Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the Eſtates of the late Directors of the South Sea Company, and others, give Notice, That they the ſaid Truſtees intend to expoſe to Sale by Cant or Auction, at their ſaid Office, on Wedneſday the 15th of May next, at Ten a-Clock in the Forenoon, the ſeveral Eſtates following, viz. A Leaſehold Eſtate at Pleſhy, in the County of Eſſex, late the Eſtate of Robert Cheſter, Eſq; one of the ſaid late Directors. Several Leaſehold Houſes at Limehouſe, in the County of Middleſex, late the Eſtate of Colonel Hugh Raymond, one other of the ſaid late Directors. A Freehold Eſtate at Beenham, in the County of Berks, late the Eſtate of Francis Hawes, Eſq; one other of the ſaid late Directors: A Freehold Eſtate in the ſeveral Pariſhes of Kerry and Llandinan in Montgomeryſhire; the ſeveral Manners of Sutton Mallet and Stowell; a Freehold Eſtate at Taunton in the County of Somerſet, and a Meſſuage in Baſinghall-ſtreet, late belonging to Mr. Robert Knight, late Caſhire of the ſaid Company. Several Freehold Houſes in Lime Regis, in the County of Dorſet, late the Eſtate of Mr. Robert Surman, late Deputy Caſhire of the ſaid Company. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Office.

Chriſt Hoſpital, London, May 11. 1728.

Whereas John Weſt, late of London, Scrivener, and Frances his Wife, both deceaſed, did in their ſeveral Lifetimes ſettle and convey to the Governors of Chriſt Hoſpital, London, divers Eſtates in and about the City of London, and elſewhere, for the annual Payment of Five Pounds per annum to poor Men and Women of the Age of Fifty Years or upwards, during their natural Lives, and have directed that their Relations by Conſanguinity ſhall have Preference; the Governors of the ſaid Chriſt Hoſpital do therefore hereby give Notice that if any Perſon or Perſons related to the ſaid John Weſt and Frances his Wife by Conſanguinity, ſhall ſtand in Need, or deſire the Benefit of the ſaid Charity, that they do in Forty Days from the Day of the Date hereof, apply themſelves, and make out their Relation to the Donors to the Governors of the ſaid Hoſpital, at the Compting-houſe in Chriſt Hoſpital, London, or otherwiſe they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Charity.

Wm. Brocket.

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